

## **Federal Grant Opportunity to Continue Efforts to Find and Enroll Eligible Children in Medicaid and CHIP**

Certified Parent Support Providers (CPSP) facilitate access to appropriate behavioral and regular healthcare services for all children and youth, including those with low family incomes. Consistent with that aim, I am happy to share with you today's announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services of a new grant opportunity to provide support for outreach to and enrollment in Medicaid or CHIP healthcare coverage of eligible young people. Please consider how your systems of care might capitalize on this new opportunity.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued a new solicitation for applications for **Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment Grants**. These grants, funded under the Affordable Care Act, continue efforts to find and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that were initially funded under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). Proposals are due on **February 21, 2013**, with grant award notification anticipated on June 1, 2013. Grants are expected to range in size from \$250,000 to \$1 million for a two-year period, beginning June 1, 2013 and ending May 31, 2015.

State and local governments, community organizations and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for these grants. Indian health care providers and tribal entities also are eligible to apply. (In addition, a separate funding opportunity exclusively for Indian health care providers and tribal entities will be made available for outreach and enrollment grants at a later time.)

I have attached a summative notice of this opportunity from CMS. As it indicates, the solicitation for the Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment Grants, which includes full instructions for how to apply, can be found at <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7HLcQrnbZzyKpyvgJkFVpggTRFhWRfxMrWCrdlHXmKWpNGppqZSC!-804278280?oppld=214153&mode=VIEW> .

CMCS will hold at least two teleconferences to provide interested parties an opportunity to ask questions. The first teleconference will take place on January 16, 2013, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. eastern time. The dates, times, and call-in numbers for this and future teleconferences will be posted on the InsureKidsNow.gov website at [www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/outreach/grantees](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/outreach/grantees).

If you are having difficulty download the attachment, please go to the blog "Connecting Kids to Coverage Grants" on my blog at [www.certification.ffcmh.org](http://www.certification.ffcmh.org) or call me.

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